

**Fremont Conservation Commission
08-21-06 Minutes**

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Minutes of August 21, 2006
Approved September 11, 2006**

Present: Chairman Jack Karcz, Members Janice O'Brien, Tina Sturdivant, Alternate Pat deBeer, Recording Secretary Meredith Bolduc.

Chrm. Karcz appointed Alt. DeBeer as a voting member for this meeting.

GLEN OAKES

Charlie Moreno, Forester will meet with the Commission in mid September.

Mbr. O'Brien reported that the Glen Oaks sign has been installed. She further reported that Phil Auger related to her that there is another round of Moose Plate grant funding and that the Glen Oaks Forest Management project would be a good candidate for it. She added that she can get the proposal together before the deadline, which is in two weeks, and she needs some of the specifics from the management plan and some letters of support. Mbr. O'Brien will work on completing the application.

MINUTES

Mbr. Sturdivant made the motion to accept the minutes of the August 7, 2006 meetings as written. There was a discussion relative to some of the Tuck Woods easement verbiage. Motion seconded by Mbr. O'Brien with unanimous favorable vote.

BUDGET and TREASURERS REPORT

The Commission received the expenditure report through June, 2006 along with a correspondence from Heidi stating that the 2007 core budget needs to be submitted to her by September 1, 2006. Mrs. Bolduc reported that the Conservation Commission's appointment to present their budget to the Selectmen is 7:30 pm on September 21, 2006.

After reviewing and discussing the 2005 and 2006 Conservation Commission budgets (account 4610) the Members agreed that all line items for the 2007 budget will remain the same as 2006 except for an increase in the office supply line (4610-004) from \$66.00 to \$100.00 and an increase in the Meetings & Seminars line (4610-006) from \$700.00 to \$1000.00. The rational for this line item increase was that the line was spent early in the year as there is much interest in further conservation education. The rational for the increase in the office supply line was simply due to a general increase in the use and cost of supplies. The total increase in the proposed 2007 Conservation Commission budget over the 2006 budget is \$335.00.

There was a brief discussion relative to the Conservation Projects line and the determination that, among other things, it can be used for signs and matching grant projects.

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The Commission received a 2006 year-to-date account balance sheet for all Conservation Commission accounts from Town Treasurer Kimberly Dunbar. This reflected the transfer of \$2,550.00 from the Current Use Fund to the Residual Account and a \$145.00 withdrawal from the Residual Account (deBeer training reimbursement) and inclusive of all interest earned for all accounts.

OAK RIDGE

The status of the trails project was discussed and it was noted that written authorization from the State for the Trails Grant has not yet been received. Mrs. Bolduc reported that on August 8, 2006 she contacted Bill Gegas of NHDRED Trails Bureau who said that the signed authorization document was in his office and would be forwarded to the Conservation Commission, but it has not yet been received. Mr. Gegas stated that the cost of whatever work is begun before the receipt of the document will not be reimbursed. She will contact Mr. Gegas again to check on the status of the authorization document.

ERLAC

Mbr. Sturdivant reported that ERLAC meets tomorrow evening and she will report the results at the next meeting. The Commission received the August 22, 2006 ERLAC meeting notice and agenda.

LOON POND

The Commission has received the contract package for a 5 acre parcel of property with frontage on Loon Pond. This package consisted of a fully executed copy of the appraisal letter from Peter Nault of Mcmanus & Nault Appraisal Company as well as a copy of the Statement of Limiting Conditions and Appraiser's Certification (initialed by Mbr. O'Brien), copies of the current deed, tax card and tax map. The agreement ends at 5 pm on September 8, 2006, but there is an extension option.

Mbr. O'Brien stated that she contacted Sarah Pillsbury at DES relative to whether the project will qualify for the 75/25 matching Water Supply Land Grant Program and has forwarded her copies of the tax map showing the Natural Resource Groundwater Map so that she can find out.

CONSERVATION PLAN

There was a discussion relative to NRI maps and verbiage and Chrm. Karcz wondered if the NRI is a piece of a conservation plan. Mbr. O'Brien reported that The Open Space Committee is working on developing a conservation plan which she thinks could end up as a part of the Master Plan. Mbr. Sturdivant stated that it is her understanding that a conservation plan will be a sort of umbrella effect that will take in the NRI and long term goals which will go into future land use. Mbr. O'Brien stated that information relative to a conservation plan will be distributed at tomorrow evenings Open Space meeting.

MAP UPDATES

There was a general discussion relative to investigating the possible acquisition of an updated set of NRI maps.

SIMON ACKERMAN

Map 2 Lot 062

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The Commission received a comment sheet from the Planning Board relative to a design review Public Hearing for Simon Ackerman for a proposed 2 lot subdivision of his property located at Map 2 Lot 062, Rt 107 and LeBlanc Road. The Members reviewed the conceptual site plan provided which showed that one of the lots is proposed to have a six-plex, the proposed road and cul-de-sac will encroach into the watershed protection area so there are wetland issues. There was a discussion relative to the road and cul-de-sac placement. Chrm. Karcz stated that half of the cul-de-sac is in the wetland protection area and offered that there may be less impact overall if there was a wetland crossing at the narrowest spot instead.

It was noted that a portion of this parcel is in the Aquifer Protection District which prompted a discussion relative to Zoning Article XI (Aquifer Protection District) Section 5h2 (Special Exceptions - multi-family residential development. According to the Article this would be permitted by Special Exception “only after written findings of fact are made that all of the following are true:

- ❑ the proposed use will not detrimentally affect the quality of the groundwater contained in the aquifer by directly contributing to pollution or by increasing the long-term susceptibility of the aquifer to potential pollutants;
- ❑ the proposed use will not cause a significant reduction in the long-term volume of water contained in the aquifer or in the storage capacity of the aquifer;
- ❑ the proposed use will discharge no waste water on site other than that typically discharged by domestic waste water disposal systems and will not involve on-site storage or disposal of toxic or hazardous wastes as herein defined;
- ❑ the proposed use complies with all other applicable sections of this Article.

The Board of Adjustment may require that the applicant provide data or reports prepared by a professional engineer or hydrologist to assess any potential damage to the aquifer that may result from the proposed use. The Board of Adjustment shall engage such professional assistance as it requires to adequately evaluate such reports and to evaluate, in general, the proposed use in light of the above criteria.

With agreement of the Members, Chrm. Karcz’ written comments were: *Pursuant to Zoning Article XI Section 5h2, multi family residential requires special exception which must meet findings of fact as determined by data or reports prepared by professional engineer or hydro geologist concerning items on page 36 of the 3-2006 edition. Half of cul-de-sac is in wetland protection zone. A wetland crossing at the narrowest spot may have less impact overall.*

Next meeting: The first Monday in September is a holiday so the scheduled meetings of the Conservation Commission for that month are September 11 and 25, 2006.

Mbr. O’Brien made the motion to adjourn at 10:35 pm.

Motion seconded by Mbr. Sturdivant with unanimous favorable vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Meredith Bolduc